



The Youth Advisory Board is the premier youth advisor on public health issues affecting young people in Nashville. Their mission is “to serve as an advisory body of youth to the Metro Public Health Department and its Board, and promote youth awareness and knowledge of health in the community”.

Each year the Youth Advisory Board begins looking for new members. The YAB is looking for responsible, outgoing, creative, high school aged young people interested in fine-tuning leadership skills and helping the community.

So, if you like speaking-up, want to make a difference in Nashville and would like to be part of this fun and exciting group, please fill out the **BACK SIDE** of the application and fax, mail or deliver no later than Thursday, April 29, 2004 to:

Jennifer Kosinski, YAB Adult Coordinator
Metro Public Health Dept
311 23rd Ave N
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 880-1543

Or fax to: (615) 862-4012 Attn: Jennifer Kosinski

IMPORTANT DATE:

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 29, 2004

YAB members are expected to attend 80% of board meetings, and five functions: Mayor’s First Day of School Event, Job Shadow Day, Incredible Baby Shower, and two YAB Retreats. New members will participate in an initiative called Project ASK (see below) as well as other community projects. Board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month. Time Commitment: Approx. 2 hours/ week. Other YAB Initiatives/Sponsored Events:

- Project ASK: Adolescents Seeking Knowledge-Members select a research-based public health issue affecting Nashville’s teens, assess the problem, mobilize the community, formulate a plan, implement a project, and present your findings to the community. (This year’s issue: Teen’s perception of media’s influence on teen sexual behavior)-Requires two Saturday mornings each month, (9:00AM-12:00PM) October-March. A new issue will be selected.
 - Youth Tobacco Prevention: Students were trained to speak to legislators and media regarding a desire to increase tax on all tobacco products in order to decrease youth tobacco usage and pre-emption, a condition that would allow Nashville to pass anti-smoking ordinances. Students attended a Senate committee meeting and met with legislators in February to discuss the taxation bill and pre-emption laws.
 - Reward & Reminder (R & R): In an effort to evaluate tobacco selling habits of merchants, YAB members approached retail stores in Nashville. This was a youth access campaign that let retailers know the importance of not selling tobacco products to minors.
 - Community Presentations: Topics included nutrition, self esteem, and self-image, tobacco prevention, refusal skills, team building, decision making, teen body image and weight, physical activity.
- Please complete form on back**

Name: _____

Please list any extracurricular activities you will participate in this year (Please indicate day and time this activity occurs or will occur.)

We have attached a short 1/2 page area below for you to write a brief statement so we can get to know you better. The topic is: What is Public Health? What impact do you hope to make on the health of teens in Nashville? What strengths do you bring?

Interview Schedule: In order to evaluate interested youth, we are planning to interview each candidate on Saturday, May 8, 2004. You will be interviewed in groups of 10 or less. We will call you sometime after the April 29 deadline to set up your interview time. (Please circle two potential times you will be available on the 8th).

Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to John Dunn @ 340-2219